

Salvation for All Races?

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There is a belief being expounded in some circles that all races are not to share in salvation equally. Those who profess to believe this doctrine claim it comes from the Bible. While I have not heard all the arguments pro and con on this subject, the Scriptures seem clear enough to me, so that I feel qualified to answer the above question.

First, let’s look at a little background. Most of these “racial purists” believe something akin to the following:

- a. Serpent’s seed. They believe Eve’s sin was sexual. She had relations with the serpent (Satan), who fathered Cain. His progeny will not have salvation;
- b. They believe there were “humanoids” already existing on earth before the creation of Adam and Eve. Thus, Cain went off and married one (or more) of these female humanoids, producing half-human, half-animal creatures.
- c. They believe that because of the curse of Cain and later Ham, only white people will be saved. All white people are Israelites from the “lost 10 tribes of Israel;”
- d. They believe that present day Jews are NOT Jews. Somehow the REAL Jews got lost in the shuffle, and another race started calling themselves Jews. They seem to think that Jews and Africans are responsible for all the world’s woes.
- e. “Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death,” refers to interracial adultery or marriage (whites with non-whites).
- f. Usages of the terms, “gentiles,” “nations,” “stranger,” “foreigner,” etc in the scriptures which show that they will be saved, refers to the 12 Israelite tribes only, and not to non-Israelite nations.

Not all those who hold some form of this belief believe all these things, of course, but this is a general over-view.

There is more, but this will suffice for illustration purposes. To reach a fair conclusion, we must agree to be guided by the Scriptures, without any convoluted interpretations and without preconceived ideas.

It is true that Yahweh intended the different races, nations and tribes to abide in their own lands (See Gen. 10:25-32; Deut. 32:8-9; and 1 Chron. 1:1-19). It is also true that they will continue to live in, or be restored to, their own nations during the 1,000-year Kingdom of Yahweh (Zech. 14:16-18). This includes both Israelite and Gentile (non-Israelite) nations.

It is also true that Israel (Abraham’s seed) was and is the chosen nation. It was with Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob that Yahweh made his covenants. But for what purpose? They were to be an example to the nations around them (Deut. 4:1-9). These other nations, strangers to the covenant, were clearly NOT of Israel. They are referred to many

times as the “uncircumcised.” ALL Israel was “of the circumcision,” not just the Jews. The Jews were only one tribe of 12 (really 13, after Joseph’s two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh were included).

Many of these nations of people were white, though NOT descended from Jacob. It is clearly ridiculous to claim that ALL whites are Israelites. Shem had descendants that branched off in many directions; Abraham had other sons than Isaac. Not only Ishmael, who fathered the Arab nations, but sons by Keturah as well. Isaac himself had Esau, whose progeny are white, yet are non-Israelite and strangers to the covenant.

But I’m getting ahead of myself. Let’s go back to the very beginning and look at the scriptures in light of some of the claims made. Did Satan father Cain? Not if you believe Gen. 4:1. Adam “knew” (Old Puritan English for “had sexual intercourse with”) his wife Eve, and she conceived and bare Cain. Believable? I think so.

Because Gen. 4:17 shows Cain also had a wife, some ask, “Where did she come from? See, that proves there were other ‘humanoid-type’ life-forms present in the land of Nod.” But if you will note, not much is said of daughters being born to Adam and Eve, or to any of the old-time Patriarchs. However, it should be obvious that girls were, indeed, born to them, and the first sons had to have taken sisters for wives. Undoubtedly, Cain’s wife was also his sister. Strange? Not for that time - they had no choice. Besides, scripture doesn’t say he FOUND her in the land of Nod. He may well have been married before he left, and took her with him.

I Chronicles 1:1 shows that Adam was the father of all, and Gen. 3:20 calls Eve the mother of all. There is no room for “humanoids” from another era before Gen. 1:2 who survived on into the time spoken of in the subsequent verses of Genesis. Without doubt, Adam and Eve were created with the necessary genes that would result in mutations which resulted in the different races coming into existence.

It has always been possible for individual gentiles to become part of Israel, ever since the founding of the nation. In Exodus 12:38 we find that a “mixed multitude” left Egypt with them at the time of the Exodus. In verses 48-49, Yahweh Himself told Moses that when a stranger (non-Israelite - there were no “lost” Israelites yet) sojourn with them and wanted to keep the Passover, he had to be circumcised first, and then he would be as one born in the land. Further, one law was to be for the homeborn and for the stranger.

The entire 56th chapter of Isaiah speaks of “the son of the stranger” who has joined himself to Yahweh. Verse 5 says, “Even unto them will I give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.”

Jeremiah 12:14-17: Thus says Yahweh against all my evil neighbors, that touch the **inheritance** which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. And it shall come to pass after I have plucked them out, I will return and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by My Name, Yahweh liveth, as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then shall they be built in the midst of My people. But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith Yahweh.

Isaiah 14:1, Yahweh will have mercy on Jacob and ---Israel, and set them in their own land: **and the strangers shall be joined with them**, and they shall cleave unto the house of Jacob.

A veil, which obscures one's understanding, has been cast over the nations, and over Israel. Isa. 25:6-7: and in this mountain (His government at Jerusalem) shall Yahweh of hosts make a feast unto all peoples----, and He will destroy ---the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

Romans 11:7-13 shows that Israel has been blinded (a veil over their eyes), Yahweh has given them the spirit of slumber. V. 11, Paul asks, "have they stumbled that they should fall? Yah forbid! **But rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles,----**"

Does Israel refer only to Jews? Does Gentile refer to members of the "lost 10 tribes of Israel?" The answer is "no," in both cases. Acts 9:15, Yahshua said unto Ananias, "Go your way, for he (Paul) is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, **and the children of Israel:---**"

Galatians 2:7, Paul speaking, "----when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision (heathen, and strangers to the covenant) was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision (Israelites) was unto Peter,---

Ephesians 2:11-12, Paul again, "Therefore remember that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by **that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh** made by hands; that at that time ye were without The Messiah, being **aliens** from the common-wealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Yahweh in the world."

Israel was NEVER called Uncircumcision; they were NEVER aliens from the commonwealth of Israel; NEVER strangers from the covenants. These scriptures clearly and absolutely refer to non-Israelites - to Gentiles. Just as, anciently, Gentiles could become Israelites by becoming circumcised and keeping the Law, so today under the New Covenant, an Elect is being called out from among all nations to become Spiritual Israelites.

Colossians 3:11-12, Where there is neither Greek (Gentile) nor Jew (Israelite), circumcision (Israelite) nor uncircumcision (non-Israelite), Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but The Messiah is all, and in all. Put on therefore, as the ELECT of Yahweh, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, patience, -----even as The Messiah forgave you, so also do ye.

Yahweh is calling His elect from among ALL men. All men share a common bond. Notice Acts 17:23-26: (Paul was in Athens, speaking to non-Israelite white men about the altar dedicated "TO THE UNKNOWN THEOS.") Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. Yahweh that made the world and all things therein,----- **and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on ALL the face of the earth**, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the **bounds of their habitation, that they should seek Yahweh.**

In Acts 6:1, the Greeks murmur against the Hebrews. The Greeks are NOT Hebrews - but Gentiles.

Isaiah 49:6: And He (Yahweh) said, It is a light thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of **Israel**: I will also give you for a light to the **Gentiles**, that you may be **My Salvation unto the end of the earth**.

Read Zechariah 8. Verse 22 says, “Yes! Many people and strong nations shall come to seek Yahweh of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before Yahweh.

There are so many more Scriptures related to this topic! It is impossible to list them all, much less comment on each one. A few more selected ones, however:

Yahshua said, Mark 16:15-16, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to **every creature**. He that believeth and is baptized **shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Acts 1:8, They were to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and in **all the earth**.

Revelation 7 shows the sealing of His elect, His servants. There were 12,000 from each tribe of Israel, plus an innumerable multitude, v. 9, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes (symbol of purity) and palms in their hands. And cried with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our Elohim which sits upon the throne and unto the Lamb.”

Luke 2:32 (Simeon’s prophecy about the baby Yahshua): “a Light to lighten the Gentiles, AND the glory of thy people Israel.” Again, Israelite and Gentile, or NON-Israelite.

Ephesians, all of chapter 2 to 3:6, shows that the Gentiles will receive the same reward as the Israelites. 3:6 reads, “That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and **partakers of His promise** in The Messiah by the gospel.

Revelation 21:24, And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

Those who are still alive during the 1,000 year reign of The Messiah will be restored to their own part of the earth, and will go up from year to year to observe Yahweh’s Feast of Tabernacles.

Zechariah 14:16-18 shows that all nations which came against Jerusalem (during the end-time battle) will go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. Those who refuse to come up will receive no rain. Verse 18 mentions Egypt and the “heathen.” Egypt was never Israelitish, and Israel, even though they adapted heathen practices in their worship, was never heathen in the sense meant here - uncircumcised strangers to the covenant.

Romans 10:10-13: For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made **unto salvation**. For the scripture says, **Whosoever believes on him shall not be ashamed**. (One who truly believes ON Him believes what He said, and obeys Him.) For there is **no difference** between the Jew (Israelite) and the Greek (Gentile non-Israelite): for the same Master over all is rich unto **ALL** who call upon Him. **For whosoever shall call upon the Name of Yahweh shall be saved**.

There is much more to “calling on the Name of Yahweh” than just pronouncing His Name, incidentally. That means you accept the whole “package.” You must accept His Son’s

sacrifice to pay for your sins, then you must obey Him - believe and obey what He has written in the Scriptures. Anything short of this, is NOT properly “calling upon His Name.” Those who twist and wrest the Sacred Writings to support a doctrine that isn’t there, will not be among the “elect” on resurrection day.

As alluded to earlier, it is true that the covenant and promises were made to Israel and Israel only. Salvation is of the Jews, Paul wrote. So then how are non-Israelites to be saved? Romans 11 gives the answer. Gentiles, or strangers to the covenant, or the Uncircumcision, or even Jews for that matter, must become spiritual Israelites to be saved.

Before we get to Romans 11, let’s look at Romans 3:29-30: For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly---but he is a Jew who is one inwardly - of the heart - in the spirit, and not in the letter---. So we see that even Jews (or white Anglos from the “lost 10 tribes”) must have a change of heart - a conversion - of repentance toward Yahweh. He must become a new creature in the Spirit.

Yahweh set out to save national Israel from their Egyptian slavery and give them a good land, good crops, blessings of family, long life, etc.; all physical things. Today, He is saving us on an individual, one-on-one basis. Each one of us must pass His test in this life, if we are to have eternal life in the future. If we “flunk out,” if we don’t submit to His rulership now, we can only look forward to being tossed alive into the lake of fire at the end of the age to be burned up. A few supporting scriptures are Malachi 4:1-3, Mat. 25:41, Heb. 10:27, Rev. 20:14-15.

Now, back to Romans 11 and the answer to how Gentiles, strangers to the covenant, can be saved, although they are not physical Israelites.

Romans 11:7: Israel has not obtained that which he seeks for; but the **election** (the called-out ones) has obtained it, and the rest were blinded. V. 17: (Paul is comparing Israel to a domestic or tame olive tree) and if some of the branches be broken off (Israel, for disobedience) and YOU (Gentiles), being a WILD olive tree (stranger to the covenant), were grafted in among them, and with them (Jews) partake of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not against the branches (Jews). But if you boast, you bear not the root but the root bears you. You (Gentiles) will say then, The branches (Jews) were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Be not high-minded but fear, **for if Yahweh spared not the natural branches (Jews) take heed lest He also spare not you (Gentiles).**

So we see that the Gentiles, strangers to the Covenant, must be grafted into Israel. This CANNOT refer to “lost Israelites,” simply because none of THEM were ever strangers to the covenant, nor were any of them ever considered “uncircumcised.”

One more thing needs to be covered, and that is the belief held by some that certain people (all non-whites) are “animals,” or “beasts of the field.” I feel silly even bringing up such a thing, but it has been voiced to me, and therefore needs to be addressed.

Besides the Heavenly Spirits - of Yahweh the Father; of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah; of the Holy Angels; the Archangels; the 24 Elders, etc., and the demonic spirits that rebelled with that extreme evil spirit, Satan the devil, there are three other spirits I want to talk about. Follow closely and you will see that all men and women of all races are really of that one blood of Adam (and Eve, as she was of the same blood as Adam, Acts 17:26), and are definitely NOT animals.

There is a spirit in a beast; there is a spirit in a man; and there is the Holy Spirit, which is available to those who repent, accept Yahshua's blood to atone for their sins, and are baptized into Yahshua's Name. This Spirit combines with our spirit to help us keep the law. Without it, we cannot obey; we cannot please Yahweh. Let's look at these scriptures.

Ecclesiastes 3:21: Who knows the spirit of man that goes upward, and the spirit of the beast that goes downward to the earth?

Ecclesiastes 12:7 (speaking of man): then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the **spirit** shall return to El who gave it.

Job 32:8; Elihu wisely said, "But there is a spirit in man: and the **inspiration of the Almighty** gives them understanding.

1 Corinthians 2:7, "But we speak the wisdom of Yahweh in a mystery ---- which Yahweh ordained before the world unto our glory. V. 8-9, none of the wise of the world knew this wisdom. V. 10, but Yahweh has revealed them to us **by His Spirit**: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of Yahweh.

V. 11 (important!) **For what man knows the things (affairs, doings, wisdom, ability to act independently, invent, compose, write, etc.) of a man, save (except for) the spirit of man which is in him?** Even so, the things of Yahweh **knows no man, but (by) the Spirit of Yahweh.** V. 12, Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of Yahweh; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Yahweh.

Romans 8:9. Last part: Now if **any man have not the Spirit of The Messiah (same as Yahweh's Holy Spirit), he is none of his.** V. 14: for as many as are led by the Spirit of Yahweh, they are the sons (children) of Yahweh.

Romans 8:16: (Note this) The **Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit**, that we are the children of Yahweh.

What have these verses told us? Three things, namely (1) Beasts have a spirit, given them by Yahweh their creator. It is chiefly the breath of life, their instinct, and a small amount of brain-power. They cannot plan, invent, make tools, computers, automobiles, etc. They have no sense of guilt, shame, or sin. They have no attributes of Yahweh. When they die, they are simply gone. They return to dust.

(2) **All** men have a spirit (spirit of man, 1 Cor. 2:11), that allows him to "know the things of a man," i.e., that lets him do Elohim-like things. Far above the intelligence of the smartest animal, man can create, plan, implement, and carry out amazing things. For example, the sending of man to the moon was a stupendous achievement. Modern computers, automobiles, technological advances in every field, and many, many more attest to the brilliance of man, with this Yah-given spirit inside him.

Scientists say that the brain of a man and the brain of animals such as horses, apes, whales, etc., look exactly alike. They cannot distinguish one from another just by looking. That Yah-given spirit is the only difference. That is the barrier that keeps the smartest animals from being able to do what even the dumbest human can do.

And there isn't much difference, if any, in the basic intelligence and ability of one race of mankind over another, given equal education and backgrounds. However, few get such equality, even within the same race.

But, alas, man (carnal, normal, unconverted man), intelligent though he is, lacks understanding of spiritual things. He simply cannot comprehend them. But he does have a propensity for evil. His inventive genius is evident here, too. He has corrupted just about everything Yahweh has put here and given him charge over, plus some things he wasn't supposed to be in charge of.

Summary: Yahweh prepared the ecosystem; atmosphere, soil, water, air, vegetation, animal life, etcetera, to support mankind here on this earth about 6,000 years ago. He then placed the man and woman whom He had just created in a beautiful garden. He did this in six literal 24-hour days, and rested on the seventh to set mankind an example of Sabbath observance.

The man Adam, and the woman Eve, whom He had created out of Adam's rib, were the parents of all mankind. There never were any living "humanoids," (half human-half animal) in Adam's day. There was no sexual relation between Satan (the serpent) and Eve. Cain did not marry into a family of half-evil spirits and half-animals. He married his sister.

All the present-day races had their origin through the genes inherent in Adam and Eve. These genes were carried through the Flood by Shem, Ham, Japeth and their wives. This was Yahweh's plan. He likes diversity. Note the different colors and shades of tree leaves, grass, flowers and other vegetation. Wouldn't it be a drab world if everything was brown? Or green? Or black or white?

The earth was divided and a portion given to each racial group. See Genesis 10:25-32. They were supposed to remain within those boundaries, but man has always thought, and still thinks to this day, that he knows better than his Maker. He has wanted to amalgamate into a one-world society almost from the very beginning. Cain and Nimrod wanted to build cities and a tower to keep the people from separating into their own lands. Today, we hear "integration" over and over. Mankind was greatly responsible for the mixing of the races beyond their allocated space. Wars, slavery, mass and rapid transportation, and other factors, have played a major role in this thwarting of Yahweh's design for us.

But people have a desire to live with their own. Witness Chinatown in San Francisco, Harlem in New York, the Irish section of Boston; Dutch, German, Scandinavian, Japanese, Hispanic and Black areas of every major (and minor) city and town in this country. This is by their own choice, not something that has been forced on them. But the social engineers think they know better. They have the population in such an uproar that we have racial division and strife on every continent, in every country, and in every city, town and hamlet in our own United States of America. Today, "political correctness" is the law of the land. This has resulted in some unions that Yahweh allows, but does not approve of, such as interracial marriage. This brings up another false belief held by a few: Participants in a mixed marriage, and their children, are lost in sin, and cannot be saved.

How about that? Is it possible for Yahweh to not approve of something, and yet it not be a sin? And, is interracial marriage a sin, even if Yahweh may not approve? NO, the Scriptures nowhere support such a view. The account of Nehemiah forcing Jews to get rid of their foreign

wives was because of their pagan religious practices, not because of their race (Neh. 13:23-27). Note in verse 27 that it was these practices that had led even the great king Solomon to sin.

You might say, “How can Yahweh DIS-approve of something, yet it not be sin?” One example is in the allowing of multiple wives. In the beginning it was not so. Yahweh Himself said, at the “wedding” of Adam and Eve, “And they twain (two) shall be one flesh,” Mat. 19:5-6; Mark 10:8; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31; all quoting Genesis 2:24. Yet, He allowed it later. Another example is in His allowing of divorce because of “the hardness of your hearts.” Our hearts are not supposed to be hard today. In fact, hard-hearted people do not have Yahweh’s Spirit, and thus are not being saved at this time. Repentance is necessary to cure a hard heart.

Here are some Biblical “mixed marriages:” Moses, a type of the Messiah, married Zipporah, daughter of Jethro, the priest of Midian, and had two sons by her. She was definitely not an Israelite, and some commentaries refer to her as an Ethiopian, a descendant of Ham. When Aaron and Miriam criticized him for marrying her, who got punished? Moses? NO! Aaron and Miriam! Salmon married Rahab the harlot, a Canaanitess (who may have been black); Boaz, their son, married Ruth, a Moabitess. Both of these are in the genealogy of the Messiah (Matthew 1, especially verses 4-5). Are we to think that Yahshua, the descendant of Jews and at least two foreign (non-Israelite) women, did not qualify for salvation? Ridiculous? Yes, but if those strange beliefs are carried to the extreme, this would be the conclusion.

Race-mixing via inter-racial marriage, though not a sin, has a mongrelizing effect on our society. The children often suffer from such a union. They don’t fit in with either race. If time went on, and the social planners and one-worlders had their say, we would eventually be truly “one.” We would lose our racial uniqueness of color, and become sort of a milk chocolate brown. There would be no more “race.” Some think that would be good, but I think it would thwart Yahweh’s original design and plan. It would be a tragedy for all mankind, and I don’t think Yahweh will let it occur.

It was always clearly Yahweh’s plan that ALL mankind, ALL races will have an opportunity for salvation. As the Apostle Paul said, in 1 Cor. 15:22-24: For as in Adam all die, even so in The Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man **in his own order: The Messiah the Firstfruits**; afterward they who are the Messiah’s at His coming. Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to Yahweh --- when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Revelation 20:5 shows that all who are not in the First Resurrection (of the Just - the Elect), will be in the next one after the thousand years are finished. To me, this means ALL humans (mankind) who have ever lived will be in either the First Resurrection at the beginning of the 1,000 years, or in the next one at the end of it (the “Firstfruits and the Latter Harvest”). Israel was chosen to be an example to the other nations around them. They failed, of course, and now we as individuals are to be examples to others.

I sincerely hope that this will help clear up any confusion some may have had concerning the races. There are many teachers out in the world busily promoting their own agenda - their own understanding. Most are NOT converted individuals. They do not understand Yahweh’s Word or His Plan of Salvation. They cannot understand His will, not having His Spirit dwelling in their minds. Let’s not allow ourselves to be deceived by such teachers. ~
